

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).



An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “Why Israel Is Even More Fearful of Trump Nuke Deal Than Obama’s – Analysis” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025. Following are excerpts of the article.

If there is a nuclear deal, the latest leaks are starting to fill in the blanks.

U.S. President Donald Trump will get to say (correctly) that he got more from Iran in his nuclear deal than former U.S. presidents Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

This would be true in at least potential areas.

Potential upgrades

- The deal would have American nuclear inspectors in Iranian nuclear facilities – and not just IAEA inspectors who are not American.
- The deal would create a complete pause in enriching uranium (even at low levels) for a symbolic time period of possibly around a year.

An yet *The Jerusalem Post* understands that top Israeli officials are far more fearful of the potential Trump nuclear deal with Iran than they were even of the 2015 JCPOA deal – which most of them did view as highly flawed.

Regarding Biden, there was never a final deal, but the most progress Biden almost achieved was

an Iranian freeze on 60%-enriched uranium.

This was part of a Biden deal in the fall of 2023, which would have led the U.S. to direct around \$6 billion of frozen funds back to the Islamic Republic.

Just before the funds were due to be transferred, however, Hamas invaded Israel, the Middle East caught fire, and the deal itself fell apart.

Regarding Obama, he succeeded in moving Tehran back from the medium 20%-enriched uranium level to the low 3.67% level, but never got a complete pause.

Obama also got extensive IAEA nuclear inspector access to Iranian nuclear facilities, but no Americans were included.

Other possible concessions

And there might be other concessions that Trump could get that neither Biden nor Obama got.

- He could get guarantees not to attack American forces.
- He could possibly even get some pause in certain ballistic-missile tests, which could have dual uses between conventional and nuclear warheads.

Reasons for Israel's concerns

If so, why are Israeli officials so terrified?

- There is a deep fear that the fundamental trajectory of negotiations is for Trump to cut a deal – even if it does not fulfill all of Israel's security requirements.
- Also, if Trump cuts a deal and tells Israel to stand down, this would probably not only hold it back from an attack, but also might hold it back from covert Mossad-style operations.

Unique window

This is problematic because of advanced centrifuges, advances in nuclear science, and because Israel right now has a unique once-in-a-lifetime window to attack the Islamic Republic's nuclear facilities – which may not come again.

In 2015, Iran needed close to 20,000 old IR-1 centrifuges to enrich enough uranium for a nuclear weapon, and simply putting them in storage moved it a year away from the bomb.

But now in 2025, Iran had thousands of advanced IR-4 and IR-6 centrifuges. A mere few hundred of these can be hidden in a much smaller facility than the known declared facilities at Natanz and Fordow and could get Tehran from zero to weaponized enriched uranium in only a

few months.

Also, Iran now enriches to the 60% level with ease – which is a hop, skip, and a jump from the weaponized level. But in 2015, it had only learned how to get up to the medium 20% level, which means it has mastered nuclear science forever.

Benefits of previous airstrikes

Finally, Israel's October 26, 2024, airstrikes removed all Iran's S-300 anti-aircraft defense systems from the board.

This means that even as Iran still has anti-aircraft defenses, what it has left against Israel's cutting-edge F-35 aircraft is almost like trying to use bow and arrows to fight against machine guns.

In contrast, while Israel hoped it had the capacity to successfully attack Iran's nuclear facilities in 2015, such an attack had never been managed before and remained a large question mark.

Add on that – at this moment, Hamas and Hezbollah are neutralized in terms of their ability to retaliate on Iran's behalf. (In 2015, both were significant threats.) There could be no better time for the IDF to attack.

Unintended consequences for Israel

All of the better nuclear deal terms that Trump is discussing so far would do two things.

- The terms would still leave Iran only a few months from a nuclear weapon.
- The terms would stop Israel from attacking at the most opportune moment it has had in decades.



An article by Douglas MacKinnon titled “How Many More Useless Deaths Before We Admit Trump Was Always Right on Ukraine?” was posted at thehill.com on May 24, 2025. Following is the article.

Two serious and literally life or death questions.

- Since when did trying to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of people (including countless children) become something to be criticized?
- Conversely – when did sending hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian soldiers into the teeth of the Russian war machine with absolutely no plausible plan to win become the untouchable go-

to-policy of certain neo-conservatives, many on the left and a fair number of editorial writers?

I thought of these questions while reading two recent columns.

The first is by Rich Lowry from the New York Post, titled “Trump is getting the Ukraine-Russia was all wrong – and he’s making it even harder on himself.”

The other is by former diplomat Bridget Brink in the Detroit Free Press, titled “I was U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. I resigned because of Trump’s foreign policy.”

Rich Lowry

There is much Lowry has written over the years that I believe to be spot on. That said, I have disagreed with much he has written about Ukraine since the start of the war – his latest column included.

Some believe to be a megaphone for the neocon class, which always seems to be advocating for the U.S. military to engage in “forever wars.”

Lowry was also the former editor of National Review – a magazine that in March 2016 ran an editorial titled “Never Trump” and that seemed to become the epicenter of the “Never Trump” movement for certain neocons and entrenched, elitist Republicans.

The constant theme for those criticizing Trump’s consistent stance against the Ukraine was a much-needed cease-fire is that Putin is evil and must be defeated at all costs.

Fine. If using the people of Ukraine as cheap disposable pawns to fight a proxy war against Russia and Putin has been the end game from the start, simply admit it. Don’t pretend you are trying to save the people of Ukraine or that nation’s infrastructure.

In the lead up to the Iraq War more than 20 years ago, there were a steady stream of neocons, pundits and “experts” advocating for that invasion to overthrow the “evil” Saddam Hussein – who were coldly and impassionedly viewing the process as some sort of board game or sporting event, with human pawns to be played with at will.

“Experts” (who had not skin in the game) eagerly pushed for war. Meaning they were not in the military, they would not be walking point in the coming combat, nor would any of their relatives or friends. How wise or “courageous” is it to call for a war from luxurious offices thousands of miles from the pending horror?

And what was the end result of that “justified” war?

- Approximately 4,500 American soldiers killed.
- 32,000 wounded
- Between 100,000 and 400,000 Iraqi deaths, depending upon the study

- A Middle East that is still destabilized, spawning endless pockets of terrorism.

Bridget Brink

Next, we have the column from Bridget Brink, a former professional diplomat who (to some) seems to be virtue signaling her disgust of Trump to the far-left echo chamber of Trump haters. That is most certainly her right.

In her column, she describes what Putin and Russia have done in Ukraine as “pure evil.” She further states that: “Peace at any price is not peace at all – it is appeasement.”

Okay. And just what is her plan for Ukraine to “win” the war against the “evil” Putin and Russia?

As Trump has asked from day one, how many more lives must be sacrificed before enough is enough?

The Pentagon and CIA have estimated that well over 1 million people have been killed or wounded in the war, with much of Ukraine’s infrastructure turned into rubble.

Since day one

Since day one, President Trump has been calling for an end to this war. He has done so for two incredibly important reasons.

- First, to stop the senseless slaughter of Ukrainian and Russian soldiers as well as Ukrainian civilians.
- Next, to warn of the many tripwires littering the battlefield, which could be stepped on and trigger World War III – leading to the death of millions.

Last week on Truth Social, the president posted in all caps: “I will be speaking, by telephone, to President Vladimir Putin of Russia on Monday, at 10:00 a.m. The subjects of the call will be stopping the ‘bloodbath’ that is killing, on average, more than 5,000 Russian and Ukrainian soldiers a week . . . I will then be speaking to President Zelensky of Ukraine and then, with . . . various members of NATO. Hopefully it will be a productive day, a cease fire will take place, and this very violent war (a war that should never happened) will end. God bless us all!!!”

Speaking of a cease-fire, last December I wrote a piece for this site titled: “Were 750,000 additional lives wasted in Ukraine for less than nothing?”

That number was extrapolated from a cease-fire reportedly offered to Putin now over 36 months ago, which was also reportedly “scuttled” and “sabotaged” by forces within the administrations of President Biden and U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Now, three years later, to Trump’s point, “more than 5,000 Russian and Ukrainian soldiers” are

being killed per week. For what?

How many dead or wounded before those advocating that Ukraine fight to the last Ukrainian admit that an immediate cease-fire is the right and humane solution – and has always been?

Haters are going to hate, but if Trump had been listened to three years ago, 1 million people would not have been killed or wounded.

What is the worth of those lost and maimed lives?



“Eye on the World” comment: The following headlines involve articles that are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Two Israeli embassy staff members killed – follow-up comments

- An article by David Harris titled “The DC Israeli Embassy Staffer Killings Are What Happens When Words Become Weapons” was posted at nypost.com on May 24, 2025.
- An article by Miranda Devine titled “The Left’s Assassination Fixation Only Further Normalizes Political Violence” was posted at nypost.com on May 28, 2025.
- An article by Ben Sales titled “ ‘Democratic Socialists of America’ Condemns Capital Jewish Museum Shooting After One of Its Factions Praises the Attack” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.
- An article by Mathilda Heller titled “Pro-Palestine, Marxist Groups Start ‘Free Elias Rodriguez’ Campaign, Laud ‘Legitimate Act’ ” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “After DC Embassy Workers’ Murder, the Fight Against Jew-Hatred Must Not Be Politicized” was posted at jpost.com on May 31, 2025.
- An article by Gil Hoffman titled “Dishonest Reporting Kills: DC Anti-Semitic Murders Are a Wake Up Call” was posted at jpost.com on May 31, 2025.

Attempted attack on U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv

- An article by Staff titled “Man Arrested at JFK After He Attempts to Bomb US Embassy in Tel Aviv” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.

Reaction – to Yair Golan’s comments about Israel killing babies

- An article by Staff titled “[Democrat Party Chairman] Yair Golan Sparks Outrage: ‘A Sane County Does Not Kill Babies as a Hobby’ ” was posted at jpost.com on May 20, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “ ‘Israel Doesn’t Kill Babies for Fun’: Yair Golan Walks Back [His] Controversial Gaza Claims” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.

15-day-old baby – killed by terrorist

- An article by Staff titled “Hundreds Mourn at Funeral of 15-Day-Old Baby Terror Victim Ravid Gez” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

Remembering October 7

- An article by Amichai Stein titled “Ministerial Committee Passes Bill to Prosecute October 7 Terrorists for Genocide” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.

Relationship – between Israel and U.S.

- An article by Staff titled “U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem Lands in Israel Following Israeli Embassy Staffers Murder” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Netanyahu Meets With U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem During Israel Visit” was posted at jpost.com on May 26, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “ ‘Deep State Pursues Me and My Husband’ [Just Like the United States] – Sara Netanyahu Tells Lara Trump” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

Hostage and cease-fire deal? – not yet

- An article by Staff titled “Over Half of Israelis Believe Netanyahu Blocking Hostage Deal for Political Reasons – Poll” was posted at jpost.com on May 24, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “ Hamas Demands Changes to Witkoff’s New Gaza Cease-Fire Proposal” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.

Hostages – general comments

- An article by Sarah Ben-Nun titled “ ‘The Captors Put My Life in Danger for Fun’: Omer Wenkert Reveals More About Captivity” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by William C. Daroff titled “600 Days Later [After Killing 1,200 Innocent People and Abducting 251 Others], Their Absence Still Echoes” was posted at jpost.com on May 26, 2025.

- An article by David Propper titled “Freed Israeli Hostage Says Hamas Treated Him Better After Trump Was Elected – and That Terror Group Wanted Harris to Win” was posted at nypost.com on May 28, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Former Hostage Ori Megidish: ‘I Was Scared I Would Die Every Day in Captivity’ – Interview” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.

Israel – continues their retaliation

- An article by Amir Bohbot titled “The War in Gaza ‘Is Not an Endless War [We Will Work to Shorten It]’ – IDF Chief Zamir Says in Gaza” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “IDF: Renewed Gaza Operation About Controlling Territory and Food Distribution, Not Hamas Terrorists” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “Mohammed Sinwar’s Likely Death Fails to Break Hamas” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Hamas Terrorists Unpaid for Nearly Three Months Amid Israel Aid Blockade” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- A video and an article by Darcie Grunblatt titled “Watch: IDF Troops Destroy Hamas Military Assets in Schools Throughout Gaza” were posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.
- An article by Michael Frenund titled “Israel Must Not Cower: Sovereignty for Judea, Samaria and Gaza Now – Opinion” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

Report – IDF controls over 50% of Gaza

- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “IDF Control of Gaza Strip Jumps Over 50% on the Way to Vast Majority” was posted at jpost.com on May 22, 2025.

Report – slim majority of public backs ongoing IDF continuation

- An article by Staff titled “Slim Majority of Israeli Public Backs Ongoing IDF Operation in Gaza – Poll” was posted at jpost.com on May 23, 2025.

Missiles from Yemen

- An article by Staff titled “IDF Intercepts Fifth Houthi Missile From Yemen in Last Week” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.

Israel's billion dollar laser weapon

- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “Historic Breakthrough: IDF Reveals Iron Beam-Like Laser Defense Shot Down Dozens of Aerial Threats” was posted at jpost.com on May 28, 2025.
- An article by Udi Etsion titled “Israel's Billion-Dollar Laser Weapon Could Dominate Global Defense – or Be Killed by Politics” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

France – seeks to get involved

- An article by Staff titled “U.S. Firmly Rejects France's Attempt to Recognize Palestinian State at UN” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “ ‘Macron's Crusade Against the Jewish State Continues’ – Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs Responds to France Sanctions Threat” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.
- An article by David M. Weinberg titled “Macron's ‘Recognition’ of a Palestinian State Is a Way to Punish Israel – Opinion” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

Gaza Humanitarian Foundation

- An article by Staff titled “ ‘It's Not Perfect, but It Will Feed People’: U.S. Gaza Aid Director [of ‘Gaza Humanitarian Foundation’] Calls for Support” was posted at jpost.com on May 18, 2025.
- An article by Reuters titled “Swiss NGO [Non-Government Organization] Wants Investigation Into Aid Distributor ‘Gaza Humanitarian Foundation’ ” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “Gaza Humanitarian Foundation Opens Third Gaza Aid Center, Hands Out Up to 1.8 Million Meals” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.

Israeli aid to Gaza

- An article by Staff titled “Tzav 9 Protesters Block Humanitarian Aid Trucks Bound for Gaza at Ashdod Port, Two Arrested” was posted at jpost.com on May 27, 2025.
- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “New Aid Distribution Mechanism Threatens Hamas Control; Israeli Sources Say” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.
- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “Israeli Officials Express Uncertainty Over Funding of New Gaza Aid Mechanisms” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

Anti-Semitism – international

- An article by Ben Sales titled “Pro-Palestinian TikTok With 3.4 Million Followers, Endorses Murder of Israeli Embassy Employees” was posted at jpost.com on May 24, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “National Security Council Issues Travel Warning for Jews, Israelis in Canada” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Mathilda Heller titled “Smashing Windows, Setting Off Fireworks: Pro-Palestine Protesters Swarm Several Cities” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by David Martin Abrahams titled “The Price of Silence as Jews Bleed Again” was posted at jpost.com on May 26, 2025.
- An article by Micah Avni titled “ ‘Never Again’ Is Now: A Wake-Up Call to Every Jew” was posted at jpost.com on May 26, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Man Attacks Russian Synagogue With Hammer, Records Incident on Phone” was posted at jpost.com on May 31, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “ ‘Lies Designed to Demonize Jews’: Mayim Bialik, Debra Messing [Join Nearly 400 People in the Entertainment Industry to] Sign Letter Advocating for Israel” was posted at jpost.com on May 31, 2025.

More articles – Jerusalem Post

- An article by Uri Pilichowski titled “Who Should You Trust on Israel’s War With Hamas? Experts, Not Internet Pundits” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Sarah Ben-Nun titled “Netanya Man Indicted for Stealing Thousands From Russian-Speaking Elderly Israelis” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Sarah Ben-Nun titled “Haifa Cop Indicted for Choking Protester in Anti-Government Demonstration in Caesarea” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Neville Teller titled “UK-Israel Free Trade Deal on Hold” was posted at jpost.com on May 26, 2025.
- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled “IDF Halts Training for Female Combat Drivers” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.
- An article by Eldad Beck titled “Qatar Under [Verbal] Israeli Attack for Supporting Radical Islam at CPAC Conference in Hungary” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.

- An article by Staff titled “IDF Evacuates 250,000 Gazans From Jabalya as It Reaches Critical Juncture in Fighting” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.
- An article by Hannah Brown titled “New Documentary Tells Story of Holocaust Survivor, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel” was posted at jpost.com on May 31, 2025.

Iran

- An article by Amichai Stein titled “Senior European Officials Warn U.S.: Iran Stalling Negotiations to Avoid Sanctions” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled “Iran Attempts to Get Closer to Its Neighbors: Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq” was posted at jpost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Mark Weiss titled “Iran’s Spy Game: How the Islamic Republic Convinces Israelis to Betray Their Homeland” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

Iran and Saudi Arabia

- An article by Wallace White titled “Middle East Power Player [Saudi Arabia] Reportedly Told Iran to Take Trump’s Nuclear Deal” was posted at dailycaller.com on May 30, 2025.
- A Reuters article by Staff titled “Saudi Warned Iran to Reach Nuclear Deal With Trump or Risk Israeli Strike” was posted at reuters.com on May 30, 2025.

Saudi Arabia

- An article by Staff titled “Israel to Block Saudi FM Weekend Visit to West Bank, Political Officials Say” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

Syria

- An article by Rizik Alabi titled “Trump Tower Project in Syria: Symbolic or Strategic?” was posted at jpost.com on May 26, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “IDF Strikes Syria, ‘No Party Will Have Immunity’ Katz Says” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

India and Pakistan

- An article by Staff titled “Pakistan Authorizes Military Response After India Strikes” was posted at dw.com on May 6, 2025.
- An article by Sachin Parashar titled “Finally, India Makes It Official: Trump Didn’t

Broker India-Pakistan Cease-Fire” was posted at timesofindia.com on May 14, 2025.

- An article by Leela Jacinto titled “Chinese Weapons Pass Combat Test in India-Pakistan Clash – With Flying Colors” was posted at france24.com on May 14, 2025.
- A Reuters article by Staff titled “India and Pakistan’s Drone Battles Mark New Arms Race” was posted at reuters.com on May 27, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “India-Pakistan Clashes Renew Fears Over Nuclear Risk” was posted at washingtonpost.com on May 29, 2025.
- An article by Alisha Rahaman Sarkar titled “India Finally Admits It Lost Fighter Jets in Clash With Pakistan, but Refuses to Say How Many” was posted at independent.co.uk on May 31, 2025.

Russia-Ukraine war – Germany’s Friedrich Merz

- An article by Geir Moulson titled “Merz Vows to Keep the U.S. on Board on Ukraine and Strengthen Germany’s Military and Economy” was posted at apnews.com on May 14, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “Germany’s [Friedrich] Merz Says There Are No More Range Restrictions on the Weapons Supplied to Ukraine” was posted at apnews.com on May 26, 2025.
- A video titled “German Chancellor [Friedrich] Merz Welcomes Ukraine’s Zelensky to Berlin” was posted at apnews.com on May 28, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “[Germany Chancellor Friedrich] Merz Offers to Help Ukraine Develop Its Own Long-Range Missiles to Hit Russia” was posted at apnews.com on May 28, 2025.

Russia-Ukraine war – general news

- An article by Staff titled “Trump Slams Putin After Russia’s Deadly Overnight Drone and Missile Attack on Ukraine: ‘He Has Gone Absolutely Crazy!’ ” was posted at nypost.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “12 Killed as Russia Pummels Ukraine With Biggest Ever Drone Attack” was posted at Breitbart.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Caitlin Doombos titled “Vladimir Putin Issues His Conditions for Ending the War in Ukraine [Which Are Basically the Same Demands He Has Made in the Past]” was posted at nypost.com on May 28, 2025. Some of the demands are listed.
 - Not allowing Ukraine to join NATO
 - Wanting NATO to disavow more expansion to the east
 - Wanting NATO to bar Georgia and Moldova from joining

- The West to lift sanctions
 - Unfreezing Russian assets
 - “Protection” for Ukraine’s Russian speakers
- An article by Douglas Murray titled “Putin’s Playbook Is the Same a Quarter-Century Later – Peace Talks Are Pointless” was posted at nypost.com on May 29, 2025.
 - An article by Caitlin McFall titled “Putin Masses 50,000 Troops on Ukraine’s North Front as Trump Again Agrees to Meet Russian, Ukrainian Leaders” was posted at foxnews.com on May 29, 2025.
 - An article by Reuters titled “Turkey’s Erdogan Said Planned Istanbul Talks Will Pave Way for Peace in Call With Zelensky” was posted at jpost.com on May 30, 2025.

Comments about China – general

- An article by Chun Han Wong titled “Behind Xi’s Strongman Image, a Demanding Father Always Loyal to the Party” was posted at wsj.com on May 24, 2025.
- An article by Staff titled “How an Agonizing Relationship With His Dad Shaped Xi Jinping” was posted at economist.com on May 29, 2025.

Comments about China and Taiwan

- Looking back to November 2017, an article by Michael A. Peters titled “The Chinese Dream: Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism With Chinese Characteristics for a New Era” was posted at tanfonline.com on November 24, 2017.
- Looking back to January 2019, an article by Staff titled “Taiwan Will Be Chinese, Says Xi” was posted at phnompenhpost.com on Jan. 3, 2019.
- Looking back to October 2021, a Reuters article by Staff titled “China’s Xi Vows ‘Reunification’ With Taiwan” was posted at reuters.com on Oct. 9, 2021.
- Looking back to July 2023, an article by Staff titled “Taiwan Is Key to Xi’s Chinese Dream” was posted at wsj.com on July 28, 2023.
- Looking back to December 2023, an article by Yukio Tajima titled “Taiwan ‘Surely’ Will Be Unified With China, Xi Says” was posted at asia.nikkei.com on Dec. 27, 2023.

JK Rowling – strong against the transgender tide

- An article by Simon Kent titled “JK Rowling Celebrates Her Fund Paying Legal Costs for Women Discriminated Against Over Their Gender Views as Trans Mob Explodes: ‘Dumb Nazi

[Expletive]’ ” was posted at breitbart.com on May 25, 2025.

European Convention on Human Rights

- An article by Melissa Enoch titled “Nine European Nations Push EU to Ease Deportation of Foreign Criminals [Spearheaded by Denmark and Italy – Including Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland]” was posted at arise.tv on May 23, 2025.

International news – miscellaneous

- An article by Kurt Zindulka titled “Trump Administration Sent Team to Investigate Free Speech Violations in Britain: Report” was posted at breitbart.com on May 25, 2025.
- An article by Mathilda Heller titled “Alfred Dreyfus to Be Posthumously Promoted to Brigadier-General [by France’s National Assembly Defense Committee], 90 Years After Death [and 130 Years After the Event]” was posted at jpost.com on May 29, 2025.
- An article by Shira Li Bartov titled “Poland Votes for Its Next President, With Polish-Jewish History on the Ballot” was posted at jpost.com on May 31, 2025.
- An article by Marissa Matozzo titled “Slash Your Stress by 65% and in Just 8 Minutes – With This Dreamy Fix to ‘Calm Your Brain’ [Listening to an Eight-Minute Ambient Track Called ‘Weightless’ by British Band Marconi Union Is Being Hailed as the Musical Equivalent of a Chill Pill]” was posted at nypost.com on May 30, 2025.



“Eye on the World” comment: The following headlines are about articles that involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Historical truth – Argentina’s tariffs caused temporary pain

- Looking back to March 2024, a video titled “Javier Milei [Explains] How Import Tariffs [Temporarily] Weaken the Economy and Your Wallet” was posted at youtube.com on March 12, 2024.
- Looking back to January 2025, an article by Luca Ventura titled “Milei Ends Argentina’s Deficit After 123 Years” was posted at gfmag.com on Jan. 2, 2025.
- Looking back to February 2025, an article by Hernan Nessi titled “Argentina Inflation Hits Five-Year Low in Win for Milei” was posted at reuters.com on Feb. 13, 2025.

Challenges for the U.S. tariffs

- An article by Ariel Zilber titled “Stocks Dip After Trump Administration Appeals U.S. Trade Court Ruling on Tariffs” was posted at nypost.com on May 29, 2025.
- An article by Jonathan Turley titled “Trump Needs Congress to Save His Tariffs, and His Trade Strategy” was posted at nypost.com on May 29, 2025.
- An article by Taylor Herzlich titled “Trump Has Other Ways to Impose Tariffs Despite U.S. Court Ruling – Wall Street Analysts Say” was posted at nypost.com on May 29, 2025.
- An article by Hailey Gomez titled “Jonathan Turley Says Trump Has Authority to Slap Tariffs on World” was posted at dailycaller.com on May 30, 2025.

Tariffs – Trump and China

- An article by Steven Nelson titled “Trump Doubles Steel Tariffs to 50%, Slams ‘Shoddy’ Chinese Products While Celebrating Nippon’s \$14 Billion Investment in America” was posted at nypost.com on May 30, 2025.

While most media reports bad economic news – did inflation drop to four-year low?

- An article by Ellie Fromm titled “Inflation Drops to Four-Year Low Under Trump” was posted at dailycaller.com on May 30, 2025.
- A report by Staff titled “Personal Income and Outlays, April 2025” was posted at bea.gov (Bureau of Economic Analysis) on May 30, 2025.

Feel sorry for Joe Biden – but recognize the corruption of politicians and media

- An article by Hailey Gomez titled “[Republican] James Comer Wants Depositions From People Who Had ‘Influence’ Over Biden and Were ‘Possibly’ De Facto Presidents” was posted at dailycaller.com on May 22, 2025.
- An article by Ian Hanchett titled “[The Atlantic Editor-in-Chief] Jeffrey Goldberg: Claim Media Covered for Biden Is Misunderstanding of How Reporting Works, Need Sources to Say He’s Diminished” was posted at breitbart.com on May 24, 2025.
- Looking back to June 2022, an article by Mark Leibovich titled “Why Biden Shouldn’t Run in 2024 [‘Yes, He’s Fit to Be President Right Now, but He’s Too Old for the Next Election’]” was posted at theatlantic.com on June 16, 2022.
- An article by Drew Berquist titled “Biden Doctor, Staffers Subpoenaed as His Health Cover-Up Scandal Grows” was posted at thepopulisttimes.com on May 26, 2025.

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A small, tight-knit group in former President Joe Biden’s inner circle was running the White House like a “politburo,” and they were the “ultimate decision-makers” as Biden’s health and cognitive function continued to decline, according to the authors of a bombshell new book (“Original Sin”).

“Original Sin” Author Alex Thompson said: “In terms of who was running the White House, it’s a small group of people that have been around.”

Usually, the term “politburo” refers to the top echelon of a communist state. Many of the seasoned politicians had been around Joe Biden for decades. Regardless of official titles in his 2020 campaign and administration, the “politburo” generally called the shots and got Biden to agree.

“Five people were running the country, and Joe Biden was at best a senior member of the board,” one source familiar with the inner workings of the White House told the authors.

An unidentified cabinet secretary vented about the Politburo, saying: “I’ve never seen a situation like this before, with so few people having so much power.”

Former President Barack Obama had been leery about “hanger-on” in Joe Biden’s orbit, particularly on his 2020 campaign and stressed that “I don’t want him to be humiliated.”

Alumni of the Obama administration also spotted key differences in how Joe Biden’s presidency operated.

The book said: “Obama would hash it out with deputies and mid-level aides. Biden, by contrast, mostly met with the Politburo and his top national security aides. Many of Biden’s own aides were also kept at arm’s length from the president.”

This group included a coterie of seasoned political veterans.

- Mike Donilon, senior adviser

Donilon, who served as a senior advisor to Biden from the start of his presidency until January 2024 when he hopped over to the campaign, had been a close confidant of the former president since the 1980s.

During his time on the 2024 campaign, he raked in a jaw-dropping \$4 million salary, according to “Original Sin.” Some outside observers (including Obama strategist David Axelrod) assessed that he was “tied to Biden emotionally that he could not accept the truth.”

Donilon (a former pollster and media consultant) was widely seen as a true believer in Biden who earned the former president’s mutual trust.

The authors wrote: “The president valued Mike Donilon’s advice so much that aides would later joke that if he wanted, he could get Biden to start a war.”

- Steve Ricchetti, counselor to the president

Ricchetti (who served as counselor to the president throughout Biden’s time in the White House) served as the 46th president’s chief of staff during the latter half of his vice presidency and worked on Biden’s campaign. He also previously served as the White House deputy chief of staff for operations in the Clinton administration.

During the Biden administration, Ricchetti played a key role in helping the former president steer through key legislative battles. At times, he would also weigh in on pressing political matters.

At one point, Ricchetti personally called a reporter of an unnamed media outlet off the record to refute claims from multiple sources about Biden’s health, according to the book. He also fumed after actor George Clooney penned a stunning op-ed urging Biden to drop out of the race.

The authors wrote: “Ricchetti read it and was furious. Internally, he threatened to shut Clooney down – some of his colleagues thought he sounded like a mob boss.”

- Bruce Reed, deputy chief of staff for policy

Reed previously served as Biden’s chief of staff during the first half of his vice presidency, prior to Ricchetti later taking over that post. He is also an alumnus of the Clinton administration.

He was widely regarded as a “policy wonk” and was among the advisers who helped prep Biden for his disastrous debate against President Trump.

- Ron Klain, ex-chief of staff

As Biden’s first chief of staff during his presidency, Klain was very influential and had sway over key decisions and messaging strategy – even after he left the White House, according to “Original Sin.”

Klain had been in Biden's orbit since the 1980s during the former president's Senate days. He also worked on the Clinton campaign in 2016.

He officially exited the White House in February 2023, but still retained influence on the former president and helped him prepare for his disastrous debate against Trump last June.

The book claimed: "Biden showed a particular deference to Klain even though his chief of staff was often more progressive. Biden had deep respect for Klain's intellect. Aides heard Biden say: 'Only one person here is smarter than me and it's Ron'."

- Jill Biden and Hunter Biden

Jill Biden had also been a key force in trying to shield her husband's faux pas from the public in what some have dubbed operation "bubble wrap" and Hunter Biden was seen as a key force trying to prevent his father from dropping out of the 2024 race.

In the early stages of the former president's political career, the first lady had been a "reluctant political spouse," but she had significant influence throughout his administration – admonishing staffers at times for letting him ramble on too long in front of the cameras.

Hunter Biden had weighed heavily on his father during his term. The book said: "To understand Joe Biden's deterioration, one has to know Hunter's struggles."

- Also part of the "politburo" at times were former senior adviser Annie Tomasini and the First Lady's Former top adviser and "work husband" Anthony Bernal – whom the New York Post previously reported (on March 12, 2024) created a toxic workplace environment.



Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word by that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."